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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1626

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SUBJECT: ZAMBIAN PRESS ON ALLEGED GHANA "SNUB" TO ASST SECY DAVIS

1. APPARENTLY ACTING ON BASIS OF ERRONEOUS REUTER REPORT FROM ACCRA, GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILY MAIL CARRIED MAY 15 EDITORIAL CLAIMING "GHANAIAAN PEOPLE" DECIDED TO SNUB ASST SECY DAVIS BY REFUSING ALLOW HIM TO SEE ACHEAMPONG. EDITORIAL SUGGESTS OTHER AFRICANS WILL FOLLOW GHANA EXAMPLE: "NOBODY WANTS TO HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH A MAN SUSPECTED OF SOWING SEEDS OF DISCORD IN COUNTRIES WERE HE IS SENT ON DUTY." AS CONSEQUENCE, DAVIS WILL NOT HAVE OPPORTUNITY OBTAIN FIRST-HAND INFORMATION AND HOLD USEFUL "OFF THE CUFF" DISCUSSIONS WITH AFRICAN LEADERS "THAT MIGHT GIVE HIM TRUE PICTURE OF WHAT IS GOING ON IN AFRICA". HE WILL NOT THEN BE ABLE TO DO HIS JOB VERY WELL--A LESSON WHICH MAIL STRESSES USG WOULD DO WELL TO REMEMBER.

2. DURING MAY 15 CALL ON FONMIN POLITICAL UNDER SECY MANDA ON ANOTHER MATTER, EMBOFF TOOK OCCASION TO HAND MANDA MAY 12 WF ITEM ON DAVIS VISIT TO GHANA, INCLUDING REFERENCE TO HIS MEETING WITH ACHEAMPONG. EMBOFF SUGGESTED, IN LIGHT POSSIBLE UNCLASSIFIED

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MISUNDERDERSTANDINGS ARISING FROM ERRONEOUS PRESS REPORTS, MANDA

MIGHT WISS PASS THIS INFORMATION TO OTHER INTERESTED GRZ
OFFICIALS.

3. WE HAVE DRAWN FACTS OF MATTER TO ATTENTION DAILY MAIL
EDITOR IN CHIEF MIJONI.
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